

**37647 to 37678—Contd. (Quoted notes by Mr. F. N. Meyer.)**

can not be dried or kept long. Local name *Mao chien shih tzü*, meaning 'hairy point persimmon.'

**37655.** "(No. 1116.) A Chinese variety of persimmon, said to be medium large, of flattened, square shape, with four vertical furrows, of orange-red color, partly seedless; can not be dried or kept long. A rare variety. Local name *Pan shih tzü*, meaning 'flat persimmon.'"

**37656.** "(No. 1117.) A Chinese variety of persimmon, said to be small, of round-oblong shape, with furrows running vertically; color yellowish red; partly seedless; can not be dried or kept long. Local name *Shui shih tzü*, meaning 'water persimmon.'"

**37657.** "(No. 1118.) A Chinese variety of persimmon, said to be small, of round-oblong form, color bright red, seedless; can be kept fresh for a long time. Local name *Huo kuan shih tzü*, meaning 'fire-pot persimmon.' This variety and other small sorts are sometimes put into jars with fresh water for a couple of weeks, after which treatment they have acquired quite a different taste, losing much of their sweetness and often being just a little tart."

For an illustration of the fruit of the fire-pot persimmon, see Plate I.

**37658.** "(No. 1119.) A Chinese variety of persimmon, said to be small, of yellowish color, having many seeds. Thought to be a hybrid between *Diospyros kaki* and *D. lotus*. Local name *Ssü pu hsiang shih tzü*, meaning 'different persimmon.'"

**37659.** *ZIZIPHUS JUJUBA* Miller. Rhamnaceæ.  
(*Ziziphus sativa* Gaertn.)

**Jujube.**

"(No. 1123. From village of Shiyapu, Shensi, China. February 4, 1914.) A variety of jujube having large fruits of barrel shape, of a beautiful light-brown color. Can be eaten fresh or put up in weak brandy; a really fine-looking jujube. Chinese name *Ma lien tsao* (Ma lien jujube), referring to the supposed fact that this jujube resembles the flower bud of a terrestrial orchid, with brownish flowers (*Cymbidium* sp.)."

**37660.** *THUJA ORIENTALIS* L. Pinaceæ.

**Arbor vitæ.**

"(No. 1127. From near Chaoyi, Shensi, China. February 7, 1914.) A globular form of the oriental arbor vitæ, of very dense growth. Valuable as an appropriate tree for cemeteries and for places of dignity. *Thuja orientalis* is one of the most beloved trees of North China and is much planted in temple courts and on burial grounds. It withstands an astonishing amount of drought, neglect, and alkali, and it may be of special value to certain sections of the United States."

**37661 to 37665.** *DIOSPYROS KAKI* L. f. Diospyraceæ.

**Persimmon.**

From the village of Yukotsun, near Puchowfu, Shansi, China. February 8, 1914.

**37661.** "(No. 1129.) A Chinese variety of persimmon, said to be large, of flat, square shape; of reddish color; partly seedless. Excellent for drying purposes. Is of such good quality when dried that formerly a shipment was made every winter to the imperial court at Peking. Sells locally at 1 mace of silver per catty (7 cents gold for 1½ pounds). Local name *Ch'ing shih tzü*,